Special courts to deal with defaults on bank loans

*252. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to set up special courts to deal with cases arising from defaults on large bank loans; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) A proposal to set up a special legal machinery for recovery of large bank defaults is under examination.

Rehabilitation of jobless textiles mill workers

*253. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of textile mills which are lying closed State-wise and the total number of textile workers rendered jobless due to Government's new textile policy and when was the policy announced and what was the prior position;

(b) whether adequate precautions were taken in this regard while framing the policy; if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the details of rehabilitation schemes for the jobless workers since the closure of the mills and how many such workers have since been provided with gainful and durable employment; and

(d) what are the specific provisions under 'Nehru Rozgar Yojna' for the rehabilitation of these unemployed workers and how it is being implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (KUM. SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) 68 textile mills with a complement of 95,415 workers were lying closed as on 31-5-85 before the announcement of the new Textile Policy on 6-6-85 while 138 textile mills with a complement of 1.86 lakh workers were lying closed as on 31-5-89. The increase in closure of textile mills cannot be attributed wholly and directly to the new Textile Policy. The State-wise details of closed textile mills before and after the announcement of the Textile Policy and given in the statement attached. [*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure Nos. 117 and 118].

(b) The Statement on Textile Policy was framed in the light of the recommendations of the Expert Committee on Textile Industry. It was deliberated at different levels and representatives of various Ministries were consulted.

(c) The State Governments have been advised to formulate schemes for redeployment and rehabilitation of workers displaced by closure of textile mills. In addition, Central Govt. has set up a Textile Workers Rehabilitation Fund under which a sum of about Rs. 3.5 crores has been disbursed to 2639 workers as on 21-7-89.

(d) The jobless textile workers eligible under Jawahar Rozgar Yojna can avail of this scheme.

गंगा कार्यवाही योजना

*254. डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय :

श्री मुक्तियार सिंह मलिक :

क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गंगा कार्यवाही योजना के अधीन अब तक क्या प्रगति हुई है ;

(ख) इस परियोजना पर अब तक कितनी धनराशि खर्च की गई है ; और

(ग) इस योजना के कब तक पूरा हो जाने की संभावना है ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री (श्री जेड० आर० अन्सारी) : (क) से (ग) गंगा कार्य योजना के अंतर्गत 259.28 करोड़ रुपये की अनुमानित लागत पर कुल 262 स्कीमें संस्वीकृत की गई हैं। 68 स्कीमें पूरी हो चुकी हैं और शेष स्कीमें कार्यान्वयन के विभिन्न चरणों में हैं। अभी तक गंगा कार्य योजना पर 144.41 करोड़ रुपये का व्यय हो चुका है। आशा है कि चालू वित्त वर्ष के अन्त तक अधिकांश स्कीमें पूरी हो जाएंगी। स्कीमों के पूरा हो जाने के परिणामस्वरूप नदी में प्रवाहित होने वाले प्रतिदिन 173 मिलियन (17.30 करोड़) लीटर अवशिष्ट जल का अवरोधन और दिशा परिवर्तन हो गया है।

Payment of DA. to the Central Government employees

*255. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that wholesale price index for all commodities rose to yet another peak during the week ending 30th June, 1989;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that consequent upon the increase in the wholesale price index, another instalment of Dearness Allowance to the Central Government employees has become due with effect from the 1st July, 1989; and

(d) if so, by when Government propose to announce the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPEIDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B.K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) The Wholesale Price Index (W.P.I.) is compiled on a weekly basis with reference to week ending Saturday. For the week ending Saturday the 1st July, 1989, the W.P.I. stood at 162.1 at the base 1981-82=100. At this level, it has recorded an increase of 0.3 per cent over the week, 1.1 per cent in the month of June, 1989 and 3.3 per cent during the current financial year.

(c) and (d) Dearness Allowance to Central Government employees is not based on the Wholesale Price Index. As per the revised dearness allowance formula based on the recommendations of the Foutrh Pay Commission, compensation for price rise has to be paid to Central Government employees twice a year on the basis of percentage increase in whole numbers in the twelve monthly average of the All India Consumer Price Index Numbers for Industrial Workers (General) (Base 1960=100) for the period ending June and December each year over the index average of 608, with effect from 1st July and 1st January respectively with the salary for September and March respectively. The Consumer Price Index Number for the period ending June, 1989 is not yet available.

Pakistan plan to create chaos in Jammu & Kashmir

*256. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to seal the Jammu and Kashmir border with Pakistan after the latest discovery of Zia Plan to create chaos in the sensitive border State; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) Certain measures have been taken to ensure enhanced vigilance to check illegal border crossings and infiltration in the context of increase in the subversive activities of anti-national secessionist elements in Jammu and Kashmir. It is not in public interest to discolse details.